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Mark Your Calendars – Second Annual Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism

The Second Annual Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism is scheduled for October 6 and 7, 2004. (Due to hotel and conference availability, these dates may not change.) The ICCSV is considering a number of Indianapolis venues and more information will be available at a later date on the Commission's Web site. The topic of next year's conference is "Volunteers Building Community: Growth, Leadership, and Collaboration" and will have a construction theme. If you and/or your organization are interested in serving on the Planning Committee, please contact Mr. Carey Craig at (317) 233-0900 or ccraig@dwd.state.in.us.

Peer Reviewers Needed

The ICCSV is seeking qualified individuals to serve as peer reviewers for 2004-2005 AmeriCorps proposals. Reviewers will receive copies of proposals the week of January 5, 2004 and will meet in Indianapolis on Friday, January 9th from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. for an orientation. Reviewers will meet collectively on Saturday, January 10th to discuss and score applications/proposals. If you are interested, please submit a letter to Ms. Brandy Wood, Senior Program Officer, on or before Friday, December 19, 2003 stating your desire to serve as a reviewer. In the letter, please include information about your current position, employer, and any previous service on review panels (government or non-governmental). For more information, please contact Ms. Wood at (317) 233-0901 or by e-mail at bwood@dwd.state.in.us.

ICCSV to Host Additional Regional Summits on Service and Volunteerism

In an effort to introduce individuals and organizations to the Indiana Unified State Plan for Service (USP), the ICCSV will host seven more regional summits on the following dates:

March 2, 2004 - Fort Wayne **March 16, 2004** - South Bend **March 30, 2004** - West Lafayette
April 13, 2004 - Terre Haute **April 27, 2004** - Evansville
May 11, 2004 - New Albany **May 25, 2004** - Richmond

If you or your organization is interested in convening a regional host committee, please contact Mr. Carey Craig at (317) 233-0900 or ccraig@dwd.state.in.us

Communities Building Community

Indiana 2016 and WFYI-Channel 20 are preparing to hit the road again for the second season of *Communities Building Community with Judy O'Bannon*. Through highlighting the ways that individuals, groups, and communities are banding together and making a difference in their communities, Indiana 2016 and WFYI hope to inspire others to become involved in building their communities. Visit www.wfyi.org to find out more about the series and to view segments from last season, and e-mail story ideas that you would like to see featured in the series to Katy Brett at kbrett@dwd.state.in.us

DHS to Award \$35 Million for Citizen Corps Grant Program

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), through the Office for Domestic Preparedness is pleased to announce \$35 million in direct grants to states for the Citizen Corps Program. The Citizen Corps funds will be used to support Citizen Corps Councils with planning, outreach, and management of Citizen Corps programs and activities. This program will provide the necessary resources for states and local communities to develop and sustain a local Citizen Corps Council. Indiana will receive more than \$700,000 for its Citizen Corps efforts.

Elves Needed for SantaLand 2003

Santaland began in Governor and Mrs. O'Bannon's garage when they lived near 13th and Broadway. It has since grown to an event now held at Old Centrum that allows over a thousand people to come, receive holiday gifts to give to their families, gather together with friends and neighbors, and go home with enough food for a week.

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and staff Santaland. This year's event will take place **on Saturday, December 13th from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.** For more information, or to obtain a volunteer form, please e-mail Aja May at aja_m@hotmail.com

Reflection of Service

My AmeriCorps Promise Fellowship has been an inspiring journey that has opened my eyes to the endless possibilities of life and the hopes and dreams of children. I have been fortunate enough to work with amazing kids who are full of life, energy, excitement and passion for their future. Being a Promise Fellow I have shared in many glorious and life defining moments for children and adolescents. I have encouraged, educated, and listened to their stories and their aspirations about serving their community. I have been a part of their miraculous journey of learning the importance of sharing their gifts with others. While being a passenger on their journey, these amazing kids have made my journey through life more meaningful. ~ Morgan Koors, AmeriCorps Promise Fellow, Youth Philanthropy Initiative/Johnson Co.

Funding Opportunities

Interested in getting information related to potential grants and funding? The ICCSV compiles grant and funding opportunities from various listservs and mailings into a monthly bulletin for our partners and programs, and it is sent via email on the first Friday of every month. If you would like to be added to the email distribution list, please contact Brandy Wood at bwood@dwd.state.in.us.

Did You Know?

The roots of national service date back to 1910 when American philosopher William James envisioned a non-military national service in his essay "The Moral Equivalent of War": "...instead of military conscription, a conscription of the whole youthful population to form for a certain number of years a part of the army enlisted against Nature, the injustice would tend to be evened out and numerous other goods of the Commonwealth would follow." ("History of National Service." Corporation for National and Community Service (www.cns.gov/about/nshistory.html)).

Tip of the Month

A catalog of Federal grants is available at www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci/grants-catalog-index.html.

The ICCSV Staff wishes you and your family a happy and safe holiday season!

Keep in Touch! – (Please note the new numbers for some staff members) ICCSV Staff

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Important Deadlines and Upcoming Events

Technical Assistance Workshop	December 5, 2003
APR Training – AmeriCorps Program Directors (Event in Indianapolis)	December 18-19, 2003
Christmas Holidays – ICCSV Office Closed	December 25-26, 2003
New Year's Day – ICCSV Office Closed	January 1, 2004
2004 –2005 AmeriCorps Program Proposals Due	January 2, 2004
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (<i>national day of service</i>)	January 19, 2004

Available Now! Indiana Volunteers License Plates (for front of vehicle) are available for purchase. For more information, please contact Sarah Damon at the ICCSV at sdamon@dwd.state.in.us.

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The Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism challenges the people of Indiana to strengthen their communities through service and volunteerism. We identify and mobilize resources, promote an ethic of service, and develop in communities the capacity to solve problems and improve the quality of life for all individuals and families.